

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, Claims 1-19 were pending in this application, with Claims 1, 9, 13, 16, and 18 being independent claims.

The claims are rejected as follows:

Claims 1, 6, 8-9, 12, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0054847 to Kim et al. (hereinafter, "Kim") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0148770 to Das et al. (hereinafter, "Das");

Claims 2, 13, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim in view of Das, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0157900 to Gaal et al. (hereinafter, "Gaal");

Claims 3, 5, and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Das, Kim, and Gaal, in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0203717 to Wingrowicz et al. (hereinafter, "Wingrowicz");

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim and Das in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0185242 to Lee et al. (hereinafter, "Lee");

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim and Das in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0111462 to Walton et al. (hereinafter, "Walton"); and

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim and Das in view of Wingrowicz.

Claims 4, 14, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As indicated above, Claims 1, 3, 5, 13, and 18 have been amended. Claims 4, 9-12, 14, 16-17, and 19 have been cancelled. No new matter has been presented. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 13, 15, and 18 are now pending, with Claims 1, 13, and 18 as independent claims.

Regarding the §103(a) rejection of independent Claim 1, this claim has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled dependent Claim 4, which includes allowable subject matter. (see Final Office Action, page 14). Therefore, Claim 1 is patentable over the prior art for at least the same reasons as dependent Claim 4. Although amended Claim 1 does not include the limitations of intervening dependent Claims 2 and 3, it is respectfully maintained that amended Claim 1 includes the allowable subject matter of Claim 4 without these additional limitations. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of independent Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Regarding the §103(a) rejection of independent Claims 13 and 18, these have been amended to incorporate the limitations of cancelled dependent Claims 14 and 19, respectively, which include allowable subject matter. (see Final Office Action, page 14). Therefore, Claims 13 and 18 are patentable over the prior art for at least the same reasons as dependent Claims 14 and 19. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of independent Claims 13 and 18 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-3, 5-8, and 15 are dependent claims, and are believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons given above with regard to their respective independent Claims 1 and 13.

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Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-3, 5-8, 13, 15, and 18 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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